

10/561341

IAP9 Rec'd PCT/PTO 19 DEC 2005

PTO/SB/08A (04-03)

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Complete if Known

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Application Number

Filing Date

First Named Inventor

Teruhisa SHIBAHARA

Art Unit

Examiner Name

Attorney Docket Number 36856.1378

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM -YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	1	2004/0095207	05-2004	Nakamura et al.	
	2	2003/0030511	02-2003	Nakamura et al.	
	3	2001/0043024	11-2001	Takamine et al.	
	4	2004/0124740	07-2004	Takamine et al.	
	5	2003/0117239	06-2003	Fujii et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM -YYYY	Country of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number-Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	6	JP 2003-92527 (English Abstract and machine translation)	03-2003	JAPAN		x
	7	JP 2000-91881 (English Abstract and machine translation)	03-2000	JAPAN		x
	8	JP 2002-084165 (English Abstract and machine translation)	03-2002	JAPAN		x
	9	JP 2003-258603 (English Abstract and machine translation)	09-2003	JAPAN		x
	10	JP 2001-217680 (English Abstract and machine translation)	08-2001	JAPAN		x
	11	JP 2002-009587 (English Abstract and machine translation)	01-2002	JAPAN		x

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*Examiner: initial if reference considered, whether of not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered, include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Abstract is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14.

¹ Applicant unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14.